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# Prevention of Violence Against Women

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**Everyone's**  
*Responsibility*

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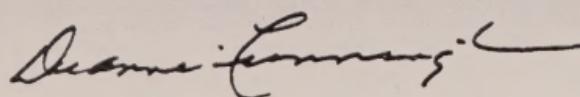
*This has been a century of remarkable achievement for women. As we approach the new millennium, it is time to renew our commitment to creating a world in which women and children are safe.*

*Preventing violence against women and their families is a key priority for the Government of Ontario. I am proud to present our Agenda for Action:*

*Prevention of Violence Against Women. Over the past two years I have met with many women and the organizations that serve them. After listening to that valuable advice, we have developed a long term strategy to advance women's services in three key areas: safety, justice and prevention.*

*Our plan directly addresses the issues of sexual assault and domestic abuse. It encourages local solutions and emphasizes the importance of building on community-based and specialized programs and services. This approach ensures that women seeking help from rape crisis centres, shelters and the courts will receive the support they need. As we look for a realistic way to stop the violence we must also remember the importance of education -- we must teach our children that violence is never acceptable.*

*We are reaffirming that domestic and sexual violence is a crime, and that abusers will be held accountable. Everyone has a role to play in addressing this issue. Violence against women: it's everyone's responsibility.*



**Dianne Cunningham**  
Minister

# Women in Action

**Preventing violence against women is everyone's responsibility. The Ontario government is taking a leadership role to help stop the violence through a series of programs and initiatives. They are based on extensive consultation and conversations with women, their organizations and the professionals who serve them.**

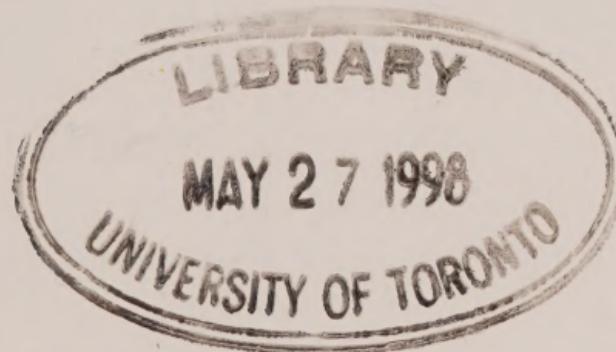
Throughout the consultation process, we listened to the needs of women who said government has an important role to play in this area. We heard that services must meet the many different needs within a community, the needs of women who are disabled, or Francophone, or who live in isolated areas. And we listened carefully to various proposals for making the system more responsive, more efficient and better suited to the realities facing women and their children in crisis.

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ow is the time  
for action.

Our efforts focus on safety, justice and prevention. The initiatives we are taking cover nine government ministries and include more than 30 different programs. We are supporting this effort with more than \$100 million dollars in annual funding.

Our approach will encourage local solutions that meet the needs of women in their own communities. By recognizing and encouraging community-based planning and service co-ordination, we will achieve flexible local programs that best serve the needs of women in crisis.



# Safety

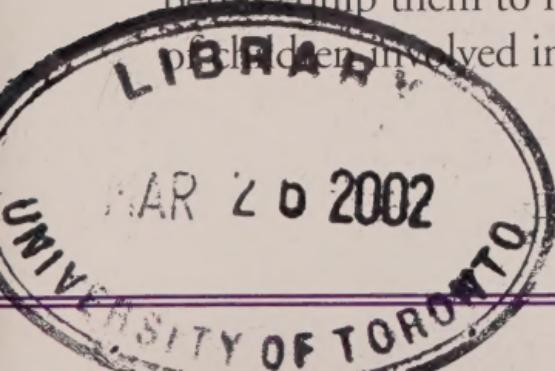
**Nothing is more important than the right to personal safety. That's why our efforts are focused on making this province a safer place for women and their children who are the victims of violence. We support a wide range of crisis intervention and support programs. We are expanding our efforts to make sure that these programs are accessible and readily available to women.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

**71% of victims of femicide were killed by current or former domestic partners between 1991 and 1993.**

# W hat actions are we taking?

- ❖ Providing stable funding envelope for sexual assault centres
- ❖ Providing supports for abused women and their children, through shelters and counselling services
- ❖ Expanding services provided by sexual assault treatment centres at selected sites to ensure that victims of domestic abuse receive emergency hospital-based care
- ❖ Increasing the number of nurses trained to administer the Sexual Assault Evidence Kit so sexual assault victims will receive competent, compassionate medical care as quickly as possible
- ❖ Expanding services to address the particular needs of women with disabilities
- ❖ Developing a service plan to address the needs of Francophone women
- ❖ Providing special support for children who have witnessed violence through school boards and local children's agencies
- ❖ Training Children's Aid Society workers to better equip them to intervene on behalf of children involved in domestic violence



# Justice

**Every citizen in Ontario deserves protection, especially those who are victims of violence. Our government is committed to ensuring the justice system is effective in supporting victims, and in holding perpetrators accountable for their crimes.**

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**At least two million women in Ontario can expect to be victims of a crime of violence at some point in their lives.**

# W hat actions are we taking?

- ❖ Expanding the Domestic Violence Assault Courts model by six new sites
- ❖ Coordinating cultural interpreter services in the domestic courts
- ❖ Enhancing support services for disabled women in domestic courts
- ❖ Increasing support for male batterer programs to address the current backlog in these programs
- ❖ Providing additional funding to increase emergency legal services available to women in crisis
- ❖ Continuing support services for victims of crime through the Victims Justice Fund, including: immediate on-site support to victims of crime; and a toll-free information line to provide victims with the specific details about the release of offenders

# Prevention

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All Ontarians need to do their part to prevent violence against women. By learning about and discussing this problem we can change attitudes. We are taking a leadership role by supporting an integrated approach to education and awareness programs.

## DID YOU KNOW?

That over 50% of women aged 16 or older in Canada will have experienced at least one incident of physical or sexual violence.

# What actions are we taking?

- ❖ Expanding grants to school boards for school-based programs on issues of violence, and providing additional counselling to children who have witnessed or experienced violence
- ❖ Developing training material for elementary teachers so they can help children who are at risk
- ❖ Expanding violence prevention training for teachers, Crown attorneys, police, probation and parole officers
- ❖ Providing grants to develop new educational tools and approaches for use in educational, professional and broader public settings

# IMPORTANT Numbers

There are shelters and safe homes that offer support and a safe place to stay temporarily. Most of these services are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

## **Alexandria**

La Montée d'Elle ..... (613) 525-5338

## **Alliston**

People in Transition (My Sister's Place) ..... (705) 435-3835  
1-800-461-5419

## **Atikokan**

Atikokan Crisis Centre ..... (807) 597-1447  
1-800-465-3348

## **Aurora**

Yellow Brick House ..... (705) 727-1944  
1-800-263-3247

## **Barrie**

Women and Children's Crisis Centre ..... (705) 728-6300  
1-800-461-1716

## **Belleville**

Three Oaks ..... (613) 966-3074/75  
1-800-267-0533

## **Blind River**

Mississauga Band Family ..... (705) 356-7800  
1-800-461-2232

## **Bracebridge**

Muskoka Transition House ..... (705) 645-4461  
1-800-461-1740

## **Brampton**

Family Life Resource Centre (Salvation Army) ..... (905) 451-4115  
(905) 451-6108

## **Brantford**

Nova Vita. .... (519) 752-4357  
1-800-265-0764

## **Brockville**

Leeds/Grenville Interval House ..... (613) 342-8815  
1-800-267-4409

## **Burlington**

Halton Women's Place II. .... (905) 878-8555

## **Cambridge**

Family Crisis Centre ..... (519) 653-2422

## **Carleton Place**

Lanark Interval House. .... (613) 257-5960  
1-800-267-7946

## **Chatham**

Chatham-Kent Women's Centre ..... (519) 354-6360  
1-800-265-0598

## **Cobourg**

Women in Crisis. .... (905) 372-0746  
1-800-263-3757

## **Collingwood**

My Friend's House (Collingwood Crisis Centre) . . . . . (705) 444-2511

## **Cornwall**

Baldwin House . . . . . (613) 938-2958  
1-800-267-1744

## **Dryden**

Hoshizaki House . . . . . (807) 223-3226  
1-800-465-7221

## **East York**

YWCA Shelter . . . . . (416) 693-7342

## **Elliot Lake**

Elliot Lake Crisis Centre . . . . . (705) 461-9868  
1-800-461-4623

## **Etobicoke**

Women's Habitat . . . . . (416) 252-5829

## **Geraldton**

Geraldton Family Resource Centre . . . . . (807) 854-1529

## **Goderich**

Women's Shelter Counselling Services of Huron . . . . . (519) 524-6245  
1-800-265-5506

## **Guelph**

Women in Crisis (Marianne's Place) . . . . . (519) 836-5710

## **Haileybury**

Pavillion Transition House ..... (705) 672-2128  
1-888-871-9090

## **Hamilton**

Inasmuch House (Mission Serv.) ..... (905) 529-8600  
Interval House ..... (905) 547-8484  
Martha's House ..... (905) 523-6277  
Native Women Centre -  
Hamilton Chapter of Native Women. .... (905) 522-1501

## **Hawkesbury**

Maison Interlude ..... (613) 632-1131  
1-800-267-4101

## **Jackson's Point**

Sandgate Women's Shelter of Georgina ..... (905) 722-4043  
1-800-661-8294

## **Kapuskasing**

Habitat Interlude ..... (705) 337-1122  
1-800-461-8044

## **Kenora**

Kenora Family Resource Centre ..... (807) 468-5491  
1-800-465-1117

## **Kenora Dist.**

Eabametoong First Nations ..... (807) 242-7221

## **Kincardine**

Women's House of Bruce County ..... (519) 396-9655  
1-800-265-3026

## **Kingston**

Kingston Interval House ..... (613) 546-1777  
1-800-267-9445

## **Kitchener/Waterloo**

Anselma House ..... (519) 742-5894

## **Lindsay**

Victoria's ..... (705) 878-3662  
1-800-565-5350

## **London**

Atenlos ..... (519) 438-0068  
Women's Community House (Semja) Inc. ..... (519) 564-3000  
1-800-265-1576

## **Malton**

Interim Place II ..... (905) 676-8515

## **Manitoulin**

Haven House ..... (705) 377-5160  
1-800-465-6788

## **Marathon**

Marjorie House ..... (807) 229-2222  
1-800-465-3307

## **Matheson**

Black River-Matheson ..... (705) 273-2339

## **Mattawa**

Mattawa Family Resource Centre ..... (705) 744-5567

## **Midland**

Rosewood Shelter (Huronia Tran.) ..... (705) 526-4221  
1-800-461-1750

## **Milton**

Halton Women's Place 1 ..... (905) 878-8555

## **Mississauga**

Interim Place I ..... (905) 271-1860

## **Moosonee**

Moosonee Family Resource Centre ..... (705) 336-2456

## **Napanee**

Lennox and Addington Interval House ..... (613) 354-1010  
1-800-667-1010

## **Nepean**

Nelson House ..... (613) 225-3129  
1-800-225-0034

## **Niagara Falls**

Niagara Women in Crisis (Nova House) ..... (905) 356-5800

## **North Bay**

Nipissing Transition House ..... (705) 476-2429  
North Bay Crisis Centre ..... (705) 474-1031  
Ojibway Family Resource Centre ..... (705) 472-3321

## **North York**

North York Women's Shelter ..... (416) 635-9630

## **Ohsweken**

Six Nations Reserve -  
Ganohwa Sra Family Assault Support Services ..... (519) 445-4324

## **Orangeville**

Family Transition Place (Hillside House) ..... (519) 941-1433  
1-800-265-9178

## **Orillia**

Green Haven Shelter for Women ..... (705) 327-7319

## **Oshawa**

Denise House ..... (905) 728-7311  
1-800-263-3725

## **Ottawa**

Interval House of Ottawa ..... (613) 234-5181  
La Présence ..... (613) 241-8297

## **Owen Sound**

Women's Centre Grey-Bruce, Inc. ..... (519) 371-1600  
1-800-265-3722

## **Parry Sound**

Esprit Place ..... (705) 746-4241/42  
(705) 746-4800  
1-800-461-1707

## **Pembroke**

Bernadette McCann ..... (613) 732-3131  
1-800-267-4930

## **Peterborough**

Cross Roads I .....	(705) 743-4135
	1-800-461-7656
Cross Roads II .....	(705) 743-8922
	1-800-461-7656

## **Red Lake**

New Starts for Women .....	(807) 727-3303
	1-800-565-5368

## **Rexdale**

Ernestine's .....	(416) 746-3701
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## **Sault Ste. Marie**

Sault Crisis Centre (Women in Crisis) .....	(705) 759-1230
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## **Sarnia**

Women's Interval House of Sarnia .....	(519) 336-5200
	1-800-265-1412

## **Scarborough**

Emily Stowe .....	(416) 264-4357
Homeward Family Shelter .....	(416) 724-1316

## **Simcoe**

Haldimand/Norfolk Women's Shelter .....	(519) 426-8048
	1-800-265-8076

## **Sioux Lookout**

Women in Crisis (Sioux North) .....	(807) 737-1438
	1-800-465-3623

## **St. Catharines**

Women's Place .....	(905) 684-8331
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## **St. Thomas**

VAW Services, Elgin County ..... (519) 633-0155  
1-800-265-4305

## **Stratford**

Optimism Place ..... (519) 271-5550  
1-800-265-8598

## **Strathroy**

Women's Rural Resource Centre of Strathroy ..... (519) 246-1526  
1-800-265-5390

## **Sturgeon Falls**

Sturgeon Falls Family Resource Centre ..... (705) 753-1154

## **Sudbury**

Genevra House ..... (705) 674-2210  
1-800-461-0133

## **Thunder Bay**

Beendigen ..... (807) 622-5101  
Faye Peterson ..... (807) 623-6600  
1-800-465-6971  
Thunder Bay Community Resource ..... (807) 625-2430

## **Toronto**

Anduhyaun ..... (416) 920-1492  
Interval House ..... (416) 924-1491  
Nellie's Women's Hostel ..... (416) 461-1084  
Women in Transition (Bloor) ..... (416) 533-1175  
Women in Transition (Spadina H) ..... (416) 967-5227  
Woodgreen Red Door ..... (416) 469-3457

## **Vanier**

Maison d'Amitié ..... (613) 747-0020

## **Wawa**

Chadwic Home ..... (705) 856-2848  
1-800-461-2242

## **Welland**

Women's Place ..... (905) 788-0113

## **Winchester**

Naomi's Family Resource Centre ..... (613) 774-2838  
1-800-267-0395

## **Windsor**

Hiatus House ..... (519) 252-7781  
1-800-265-5142

## **Woodstock**

Women's Emergency Centre ..... (519) 539-4811  
1-800-265-1938

## **York**

York Shelter for Women ..... (416) 249-7095

## **Sexual Assault Centres**

There are sexual assault centres that offer crisis counselling (including crisis phone counselling) to women to deal with their sexual assault.

### **Barrie**

Barrie and District Rape Crisis Line .....(705) 737-0464  
1-800-561-9255

### **Brantford**

Sexual Assault Centre of Brant .....(519) 751-3471

### **Brockville**

Sexual Assault Centre of Leeds & Grenville .....(613) 345-4288  
1-800-567-7415

### **Carleton Place**

Lanark County Sexual Assault Centre .....(613) 860-0303  
1-800-387-0844

### **Chatham**

Chatham-Kent Sexual Assault Crisis Centre .....(519) 354-8688

### **Cornwall**

Sexual Assault Support Services for Women of  
Stormont, Dundas, Glengarry & Akwasasne Inc. .....(613) 932-1705  
1-800-463-0174  
(French language support) .....(613) 932-1705  
(French language support) .....1-800-463-0174

### **Dubreuilville**

Algoma Women's Sexual Assault Services .....1-800-205-7100

### **Durham**

Sexual Assault Centre of Grey & Bruce Counties .....1-800-720-7411

### **Guelph**

Sexual Assault Centre of Guelph .....(519) 836-5710  
1-800-265-7233

### **Hamilton**

Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton and Area .....(905) 525-4162  
Le Centre des femmes de Hamilton .....(905) 528-0163

### **Huntsville**

Muskoka-Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services .....1-800-461-2929

### **Kenora**

Kenora Sexual Assault Centre .....(807) 468-7233  
1-800-561-9255

### **Kingston**

Sexual Assault Crisis Centre Kingston Inc. .....(519) 544-6424  
1-800-661-4612

### **Kitchener**

Sexual Assault Support Centre of Kitchener-Waterloo .....(519) 741-8633

### **London**

London Sexual Assault Centre .....(519) 438-2272

### **Mississauga**

Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis Centre of Peel .....(905) 273-9442

## **Newmarket**

Women's Sexual Assault Helpline and  
Outreach Services of York Region.....(905) 895-7313

## **North Bay**

Amelia Rising Sexual Assault Centre of Nipissing.....(705) 476-3355

## **Oakville**

Halton Rape Crisis Centre .....(905) 875-1555

## **Orangeville**

Sexual Assault Counselling Centre.....(519) 942-4433

## **Oshawa**

Oshawa-Durham Rape Crisis Centre.....(905) 725-2241

## **Ottawa**

Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre .....(613) 562-2333  
Sexual Assault Support Centre.....(613) 234-2266  
C.A.L.A.C.S .....(French language support) (613) 789-8096

## **Pembroke**

Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County .....1-800-663-2060

## **Peterborough**

Sexual Violence Support and Information Centre  
of the Kawarthas.....(705) 741-0260

## **Sarnia**

Sexual Assault Survivors' Centre Sarnia-Lambton .....(519) 337-3320

## **Sault Ste. Marie**

Algoma Women's Sexual Assault Centre .....1-800-205-7100

## **St. Catharines**

Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre .....(905) 682-4584

## **St. Thomas**

Sexual Assault Program of Violence Against Women,  
Services Elgin County .....(519) 631-9252  
1-800-387-1020

## **Sudbury**

Sudbury Sexual Assault Crisis Centre .....(705) 675-1323  
Le Centre Victoria pour femmes  
.....(French language support) (705) 674-5456

## **Thunder Bay**

Thunder Bay Sexual Assault/Sexual Abuse Counselling  
and Crisis Line .....(807) 344-4502  
(807) 345-0062

## **Timmins**

Timmins Rape Crisis Centre .....(705) 268-8380

## **Toronto**

Toronto Rape Crisis Centre .....(416) 597-8808  
Oasis - Centre des femmes ....(French language support) (416) 923-9292

## **White River**

Algoma Women's Sexual Assault Services .....1-800-205-7100

## **Windsor**

Sexual Assault Crisis Centre of Essex County .....(519) 253-9667

**For more information on the social, economic and legal rights of women:**

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